

NO ALCOHOL

ON THE BUS

(ITS THE LAW)

ALCOHOL = NO

MATCH TICKET

ARSENAL SCOTLAND COACH TRIP RULES (and good reasons)!

The policy on coach trips is as follows: -

No smoking at all.

No Alcohol consumed or carried on board at all.

No hot food or drinks bought en-route to be consumed or carried on board at all.

Now these might seem harsh so it's worth explaining the reasons for these rules.

In the main we are adults and just want to have a good day out watching The Arsenal and most of us would like a burger with a coffee or maybe a couple of beers to relax on the bus and none of us are planning to get drunk or make a mess on the bus, however there are a few issues which you should be aware of.

No Smoking – well that's obvious and the law.

No Alcohol – Also the Law but the consequences can be serious. You can be fined up to £1000 and be suspended from travelling to football games (home or Away). But also the coach driver can be fined £1000 and be suspended. Also the Supporters Club can be suspended by Arsenal FC on the insistence of the Law. Its black or white decisions – no appeals are ever considered at all.

Some passengers might carry a 'mixer' in a juice bottle but that still breaks the law. Police can tell straight away when they board the bus that someone has been consuming alcohol because of the smell – they are not daft! The drivers know as well and they can report us and ban us from future bookings.

All Premiership stadiums in England sell beer and we normally arrive at least an hour before kickoff.

No hot food or drinks

Hot foods mean sauce and grease and stale coffee and burger smells. Bus companies hate these as they have to make sure the bus is clean and fresh for the next days booking. Even an accidental spillage onto the luxury seats or carpets can stink the bus out. It's not nice when you are taking a busload of people to the theatre and it smells like a brewery or a McDonalds.

Also you should appreciate a little known fact. The cleaning costs come out of a limited budget allocated to the driver. If the cost to clean the bus exceeds that budget he has to PAY FOR IT HIMSELF! Buses are cleaned by THE DRIVER, there are no armies of cleaning ladies mopping the buses down overnight, THE DRIVER cleans it after a long days driving. If a section of carpet is stained with beer or coffee THE DRIVER has to take the bus to the depot and swap the carpet with a bit to match. Same if the seat gets wet or stained, he has to take the whole seat out and swap it with another seat at the depot.

Look at it this way, if your mate comes around to your house to watch the football and accidentally knocks over a cup of coffee on to your new living room carpet – how do you feel?

WE DON'T WANT TO SPOIL YOUR DAY

BUT HOPE YOU WILL APPRECIATE OUR REASONS FOR THE RULES!

PLEASE ENJOY YOUR DAY – UP THE GUNNERS!